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HISTORY

Pericles, Prince of T

Enter Gower.

TO ſing a ſong that old was
From aſhes ancient *Gower*
Aſſuming mans infirmities
To glad your eare, and ple
It hath beene ſung at Feſti
On ember eves, and holi-
And Lords and Ladies in t
Have read it for reſtorativ
The purchaſe is to make men glorious,
Et bonum quo antiquius eo melius :
If you, borne in theſe latter times,
When wits more ripe, accept my Rimes ;
And that to heare an old man ſing,
May to your wiſhes pleaſure bring :
I life would wiſh, and that I might
Waſte it for you like Taper-light.
This *Antioch*, then, *Antiochus* the great,
Built up this Citie for his chiefeſt ſeate ;
The faireſt in all *Syria*.
I tell you what mine Authors ſay :
This King unto him tooke a Peere,
Who died, and left a female heire,
So buckſome, blithe, and full of face,